

The Avalanche

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

NEW YORK millionaires are ready to build summer homes in Vermont if the poor farmers will promise to build good roads and to keep them in fair condition.

As soon as the telephone line was opened between the two cities, New York talked to Chicago, and, as usual, Chicago talked back. But the back-talk was pleasant than it generally is.

The Khan of Khiva is to visit London during the coming summer. Chicago should lay out a well-baited hook to get him over here. The Fair will need something like a real live khan to overawe the woman managers.

The longest word in the new Century dictionary is palatopharyngeal. The next longest is transubstantiationist. What a distinguished individual the palatopharyngeal transubstantiationist must be.

The famous Lady Brooke, of Eaton Lodge, is busy with her pleasant fad for a Shakspeare garden, but though she may find it easy to get a box for the opera, she will have trouble in getting the box fences and greenwood statuary which were characteristic of Shakspeare's time.

JAY GOULD is taking life easy, leaving all the cares of business to his two sons, George and Edward, and merely standing around to see that they do not run off the track or be too free with the watering can when stocks need attending to.

Just as the hoards of the miser are of far less value than the money that is freely circulated and widely employed, so the time that is hoarded up and exclusively devoted to a single object is less productive than that which is intelligently and generously apportioned out to meet the varied needs of human welfare.

RAILWAY men ought to know without being told that "there's millions in it" to them with cheap fares during the World's Fair. They can make a success of it both for the people and themselves. They can defeat its success and defeat themselves. The sooner the gougers begin to get such facts through their craniums the better.

KAISER WILHELM wants the army of Germany to be increased, alleging that a big display of force by the Fatherland is necessary to preserve the peace of Europe. The Kaiser has never as yet had the pleasure of smelling hostile powder, and his unintermittent assertion of himself as the German "war lord" is about as ridiculous as the "piff, puff, pouf" of the redoubtable Gen. Blount.

A MAN in Oklahoma picked up a venomous snake the other day, believing that his religious faith would save him from harm. He was imitating the example of Paul at Melita, but the simplicity of the two cases ceased with their inception. Paul came off scot-free, but the Oklahomian passed in his checks in the course of a few hours. Somehow or other faith doesn't seem to do such good miraculous work now as it is credited with having done a couple of thousand years ago.

The Boston Globe is of opinion that the Chicago University students who engage in chair-pushing at the World's Fair will not realize much in the way of tips, as women will be their principal customers, and the fair sex is noted for its economy in the bestowal of gratuities. The Globe ignores entirely the consideration of gallantry. The women who are wheeled may not be heavy producers in the way of cash, but just think of the smiles they will shed upon the good-looking propellers of their jinrikishas!

The German Empress, though originally a poor princess, is now very extravagant in the way of clothes, seldom giving a gown more than one wear. And like many extravagant individuals, she flourishes at the expense of others. A Berlin firm of costumers which she had patronized liberally went to the wall recently because it couldn't get her Majesty to pony up what she owed the establishment. It seems that empresses have traits of character similar to those of ladies who have never reached the imperial dignity. One touch of nature makes all women kin.

It is well known that the tails of comets stream away from the sun, and are of very low density. Various hypotheses have been propounded to explain their movement away from the sun, but the most promising is that of a Russian physicist, who ascribes it to the repulsion of the solar radiation acting on a mass of extreme tenuity, while, on the other hand, the attraction of gravitation operates between the solar mass and the solid nucleus of the comet. The same physicist accounts for the mysterious terrestrial phenomenon of the zodiacal light in the same way. He believes that the earth has also a tail of cosmic dust, not luminous of itself, but by reflecting the sunlight.

There is great grumbling among the real horse people of New York over the recent equine exhibition in that city. It appears that the show

was dominated by the Vanderbilt family, who made an intensely exclusive affair of it, put prices of boxes up to rates prohibitive to all but multimillionaires, and took all the prizes with alleged inferior entries. The Vanderbilts belong to the new rich, and the new rich have got there are generally the most demonstratively autocratic of all autocrats. The present generation of the family doesn't know near as much about horses as did their plebeian grandfather, the Commodore, but they have distanced the old man as regards position in four hundredths.

In this age of stupendous achievements one stupendous failure stands out conspicuous and solitary. Time and space have been annihilated by the genius of man, as shown by the devices of steam and electricity. Continents have been moored side by side by the cable. Through the instrumentality of the telephone Chicago can listen to the music of a brass band playing in New York. It is but a week's journey from Chicago to Paris. India has been brought several months nearer England by the Suez canal. All this and much more that is almost wonderful has been accomplished—but the Isthmus of Panama is still unvisited by an artificial waterway. Here is the one grand, stupendous failure of the age—the Panama canal.

The best way to ventilate a house is by means of open fires. However, open fires are not sufficiently warm in winter, and there are few houses that are provided with the ideal heating arrangement of modified steam heat with grates. Lacking this, and, indeed, under any circumstances, a sleeping room or sitting room should be, so to speak, washed out with pure air every day. Whatever the temperature outside, every window should be opened and the outer air allowed to pour through it from ten to twenty minutes each day. As a rule rooms are kept too warm. No room should be kept heated beyond a temperature of 68 degrees. The system of a person living in a superheated atmosphere becomes so vitiated that he shivers at the slightest change and takes cold on the least provocation.

JUST at the time that the reappearance of cholera at various points in Europe is announced comes the story that thousands of bales of rags, collected in Germany, France, Holland and Belgium, are now on their way across seas, and that their owners expect presently to disembark them at one of our principal ports—very probably the good city of New York. Not one pound of this suspicious merchandise should be permitted to land nor should the ships bearing it be allowed to enter our sea-ports. No more dangerous vehicle for the propagation of cholera is known than the bale of rags, which cannot be disinfected so that the disease germs are eradicated from it. The story goes that many of the rags come from Hamburg. If this be true the people who shipped such perilous merchandise this way should be held to strict account. A cargo which jeopardizes the lives of millions of human beings is a risky thing to own.

It is characteristic of American methods that the recent violent cholera scare has been followed by a period of indifference and apathy on the subject. Scarcely two months ago most of the cities and towns in the North were quarantining against New York and one another. Boards of Health were in a state of ferment, and municipal authorities were inaugurating all sorts of hygienic reforms. Now, nothing whatever is being done. The subsidence of cholera in New York harbor, due to cool weather, has been followed by a complete suspension of all efforts to avert the disease or to fight it when it comes. This is worse than the folly of locking the stable door after the horse is stolen; it is leaving the door open and expecting the thief not to enter. Meanwhile cases of cholera have appeared in France, Holland, and Austria, and that the disease is increasing at St. Petersburg. There is hardly a doubt that it will maintain a foothold in Europe during the winter and break out again next spring. It is but a step from Europe to our shores, and it will be very unwise to depend on another spasm of quarantining to keep cholera out next summer. Our sanitary and municipal authorities ought not to be idle during the next few months. They should not wait till cholera is "knocking at the door, ready to utilize favorable conditions for the propagation of the disease.

Exquisite Oscar. Mr. Wilde says he is a journalist, and modestly observes: "I am told that my judgment as an art and dramatic critic is considered final." This is almost equal, says the Albany Times, to Oscar's remark to a London friend who visited him in Paris. "Did you drop in at my chambers before you left London?" inquired the aesthete. "I did," was the reply. "Did you observe whether my lily was in flower?" The friend answered that it was. "How good of it to bloom while I am away!" murmured Oscar, gently.

Our Mixed-Up Language. The very fact that our language is a potpourri, says the Boston Globe, explains why foreigners find it so hard to learn. There is a story told at the expense of a German lady teacher at Wellesley College. One very cold day she came into the dining-room for the five-o'clock dinner, and one of the young ladies remarked: "How cold it is to-day." "Yes," replied the teacher, "it has been so cold in my room that I had to sit all the afternoon with my feet on the transom." Radiator she meant.

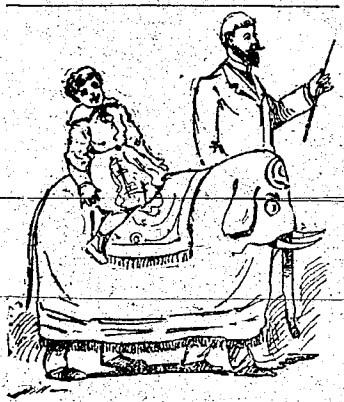
FUN FOR YOUNG FOLKS.

HOME-MADE TRICKS FOR WINTER EVENINGS.

Clowns, Dwarfs and Strange Monsters May Be Shown in the Parlor with Material Obtainable in Almost Any Household—Various Simple Deceptions.

After Supper Antics. Everybody loves the long winter evenings, when the members of the family gather around the sitting-room fire and stories and games are always welcomed with joy by the young ones. A visit to the toy shop shows a wonderful increase in devices for pleasing the little ones every year, but the Washington Star thinks that after all some of the ingenious methods for home entertainment of the children that grown folks of the present day recall with great pleasure are difficult to excel, particularly if the paraphernalia required is not very extensive, and hence are at everybody's command.

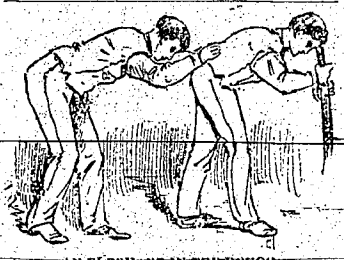
There we are again, as the clown says when he turns ten somersets and makes half a dozen faces; so am I here, ladies and gentlemen, to please you this evening, that is, if you can be pleased with anybody so small. Little people, all the world over, have been great favorites. I remember when I was smaller than I now



A PARLOR ELEPHANT.

am, and when my nurse used to take me up with one hand and talk Russian to me and a whole lot of pretty women looking in as she said: "Toot-se, toot-se; he is a little tootsey wootsey," or words of the same meaning; then they would all fall to kissing me, as I hope some of you will do this evening.

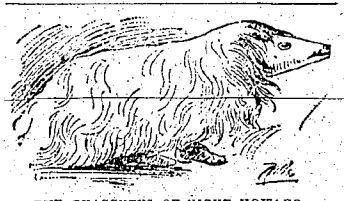
This was Charley's Christmas Eve speech as he stood upon the piano with immense boots on his little feet and gesticulating most violently with his unnatural-looking arms. In other words, Charley was personating a dwarf. He puts a pair of boots on his hands, resting them on the piano, while a companion stands behind him and reaches his hand over Charley's shoulders. A long, cloak or shawl is arranged about the dwarf so as to allow the arms of No. 2 to project and appear as if they belonged to No. 1, the dwarf. This performance should take place in a doorway,



AN ELEPHANT IN THE DOOR.

where curtain can be so arranged as to hide head and body of No. 2.

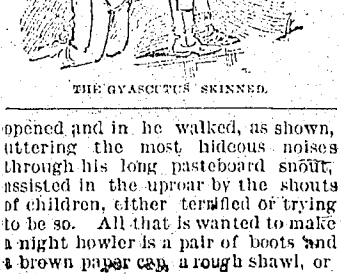
The Elephant and the Gyrascutus. The next piece of fun was the entrance of the elephant. This was very funny. The keeper walked alongside while little Eddie rode upon the monster's back. It was quite a sensation, and the keeper explained how it was perfectly tame and none need be frightened at his savage appearance. He would not hurt a sick kitten. This is how he made: Two gentlemen wearing rubbers place themselves in the position represented in the sketch. The foremost holds something in his hands. This is a gray shawl or table cover, rolled up to represent the elephant's trunk, which the performer swings about to produce a life-like effect. All that now remains to be done is to produce a gray blanket and spread it over the united operators, fastening two pieces of round paper with black dots on them in the proper places for eyes and a couple of rags or old mittens for ears. The elephant is now complete, save the tusks. These can be made out of twisted white paper, pinned to the inside of the blanket,



THE GYRASCUTUS OR NIGHT HOWLER.

and then you have a first-rate elephant for a Christmas party.

After the elephant had left in came a more ferocious though smaller animal, called the California gyrascutus, or night howler. Previous to the entrance into the parlor was heard in the adjoining room the clanking of chains, with unearthly howls and sharp commanding voice of the keeper. Suddenly the door



THE GYRASCUTUS SKINNED.

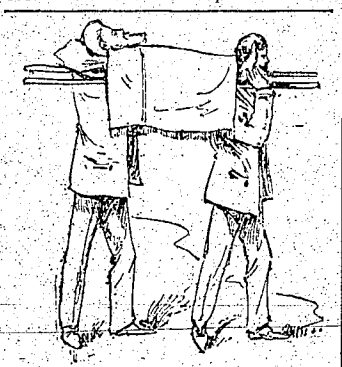
as in this case, a bear skin sloughing robe, and the gyrascutus—a complete, stout and dwarf easily made. The door opened again, and in bobbed another monster. His youthful face added to his great stature was



THE CALIFORNIA-GIANT AND HOW HE IS MADE.

the admiration of all. After satisfying himself by examining the pictures on the wall, the top border of high art, he bobbed himself out. His cane was nothing more or less than the long-sweeping brush handle, and his cloak of a past fashion; and a giant is allowed to have some eccentricities. The deception was good, and how it came about was this wise: A small boy is placed on the shoulders of a man, a long coat or overcoat over the two, and the monster is made. If quite young the ridiculousness of the figure would be helped by a pair of false moustaches and a hat about six sizes too big, and you have a giant complete.

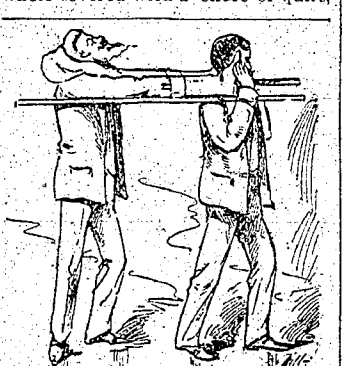
Now was heard from the adjoining room plaintive strains from the melodeon, and we were told it was the funeral of the dwarf. The hearse was nothing more or less than a box, the top of which was held by the compasses on the high seas. It holds our very lives.



THE DWARF'S FUNERAL.

solemn procession walked past two of our company with the dwarf, with powdered face and closed eyes, as shown in the engraving. When the cortege arrived in the middle of the room, and just as everybody was getting very solemn, the corpse for the occasion parted, the head and the pillow out of one door, the foot and sticks out of the other, changing very suddenly the expression on the countenance of the dwarf.

How this was managed will become tolerably clear on examining the engraving. A rather taller person in the rear with a pair of boots on his hands resting on the forward person's shoulder, his head thrown back, and something around his neck to represent a pillow, a couple of sticks slung as represented, the whole covered with a sheet or quilt,



THE DWARF MISSING.

will be sufficiently ghastly to supply (with the other things portrayed in this column) the necessary fun for a winter's evening.

Snubbed an Old Acquaintance. Talleyrand gives a curious glimpse of Napoleon's arrogant temper in his reception of the Austrian envoy. "The court of Vienna had chosen this representative because he had already treated with Bonaparte at Campo Formio, and had there been in familiar relations with him. Both the Austrian court and the envoy supposed that he would easily resume these relations. The First Consul wished to teach him better, and this is how he did it.

Bonaparte gave him an audience at 9 o'clock at night at the Tuilleries. He himself had prescribed the arrangement of the room in which he would receive him; it was the drawing-room next to the King's study. In one corner he had placed a little table, at which he sat; all the seats had been taken away save some couches which were at a considerable distance from him. On the table were various papers and an inkstand; there was one solitary lamp. The chandelier had not been lighted.

"M. von Cobenzl entered; I was escorting him. The darkness of the room; the distance he had to traverse before reaching Bonaparte, whom he could barely discern; the uncomfortable feeling which resulted from this; the greeting vouchsafed by Bonaparte, who stood up and immediately sat down again; the necessity of remaining standing—everything combined straightway to put each man in his place, or at least in that particular place which the First Consul had desired to assign to him."—Century.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THOUGHTS-WORTHY-OF-CALM REFLECTION.

A Pleasant, Interesting, and Instructive Lesson on the subject of the *Unchangeable Judgment*. The lesson for Sunday, Dec. 18, may be found in Romans 14: 12-23.

There has been a desire expressed (last opportunity) to give the schools for an optional study or two in connection with the International Lesson series. Accordingly, the last two weeks of each quarter are set aside for this purpose, along with the review. Each school, of course, may exercise its liberty and choose a missionary, temperance, or whatever lesson seems most suited to the needs of the time and place. The Baptist Publication Society, with its usual discrimination, suggests for December 18 a lesson from the epistles, which, it may be seen, has reference to temperance, and, indeed, total abstinence, not simply as regards drinking, but also regarding meat, dress, and several other matters. It is a timely Scripture, and we append a few notes.

NOTES ON THE LESSON. Take God into the account. We have dealings, whether we will or no, with more worlds than one.

"No man liveth unto himself," may be said, indeed, of all men. To the Christian the more searching word comes: "Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price." Every one of us, singly and alone, must stand at last in the light of the great, white throne. Parent cannot stand for child, wife for husband, pastor for people. It is a personal matter—"every one."

If you want to be a judge here is good opportunity judge yourself. Guard the conduct; take the hindrances out of the way. The more we judge ourselves and the less we judge others, here, the lighter our own judgment, there at the last. Be careful of your conscience; it is the most precious legacy left us. We put our delicate chronometers and testing instruments where they will receive least harm. We watch the edges and points and the infections. Guard your conscience. Let it not be the box that holds the compasses on the high seas. It holds our very lives.

And be kind as respects your neighbor's conscience. You would not break his windows or destroy his hedges. What more right have we to do damage to his monitor conscience? God has, by varied means, been guiding and developing, through all times, this priceless possession of the race. Do you love God? Then be ye merciful as your Father in heaven is merciful. And Christ died for him; this brother of ours. Think of that. "The mother is very careful of a bit of mechanism that he had on gave heart and hand to while in life. She does it out of love for the one who wears it. This neighbor is dear to God. The Son's blood was shed for him, and for his sake, as for ours, Golgotha was ascended. You and I will be a little more careful now. If we do not care for the soul, we will certainly care for the body. One who cares. And oh, how he cares!

Let us therefore follow after the things that make for peace." Why not? Peace is good, but it is only found by following after the things that appear fair to us. We cannot have peace by trying for it and then working for war. We cannot have peace unless we think peace, talk peace, live peace. O, for more reason in religion. O, for good, plain, common sense in taking care of spiritual matters. To him that in the prayer meeting offers her first prayer, and it is a good one. "Lord, help us to behave ourselves." Amen, for us all.

Next Lesson: "The Birth of Christ." Luke 2: 1-20.

Walrus Skin Leather.

Walrus skins are sometimes treated by the San Francisco tanners. The hides are of immense size, weighing as much as 100 pounds and measuring eight feet by fourteen. The first experience with these skins was made about twelve years ago, but at first there was no market for them when tanned. Local silversmiths, however, found them an excellent substitute for the old-style emery wheel and began to use them to polish silverware and to "surface" precious stones. The price of the skin advanced until it reached \$5 a pound. Whalers were commissioned to secure the green hides, and with competition the price fell to \$3 a pound. The process of tanning is the same as that used for ordinary leather, save that the walrus hides are laid away for six months out of the twelve, and it takes five years to complete the process of curing. The average run of the hides in thickness is from three to four inches when green. When tanned they run from two to three inches in thickness.

Hebrews Close Calculators.

The Hebrew intellect is displayed to great advantage, not only in finance but in chess. Mr. Blackburne, the representative English player, was recently defeated by Herr Lasker, a Hebrew, and it is said that a large proportion, perhaps one-half, of the recognized "masters" of chess in Europe are of Hebrew extraction. Both in London and on the continent Jewish players of talent are to be found in great numbers. In the contest for a trophy lately offered by a London newspaper, of the four most successful players three were Jews. The power of close and accurate calculation, which is a characteristic of the race, makes them skillful in the game of chess.

Words of Wisdom.

A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity fresher into smiles.—Irving. The only thing that walks back from the tomb with the mourners and refuses to be buried is character. A man who has tastes like mine, but stronger, will rule me any day, and make me love my ruler.—Emerson. Exuberant and loud laughing is the characteristic of a fool and a coward. True wit never made a laugh.—Chesterfield. When we read, we fancy we could be martyrs; when we come to act, we can not bear a provoking word.—Hannah More.

There is certainly something of exquisite kindness and thoughtfulness, as thick as berries on the Newfoundland shrubs, but now they are very seldom found in that part of the world. They may be plentiful enough in the deep ocean now, but are not easily caught by bait, and therefore are seldom caught by deep-sea fishermen. Cod are found on European and African coasts, but as far as this part of the world is concerned, in fifty years time they will be practically extinct.

OUR SCENIC ATTRACTIONS.

Beauty Endless to Variety from Ocean to Ocean.

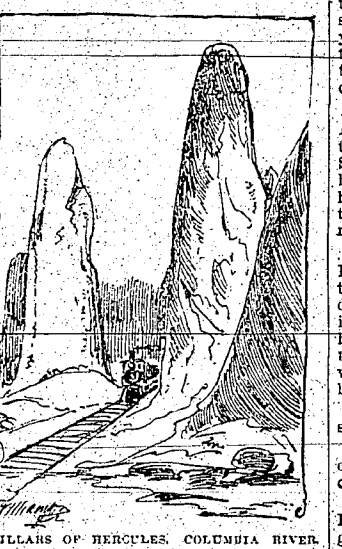
It is the pride of this country that she is great in everything. She is great in the extent of her coasts, in her cities, her lakes, her rivers, her



YELLOWSTONE CANYON.

plains, her forests, her resources, and in the intelligence of her people. Great is she, too, in her scenery, in the manifold attractions which nature has scattered over her bosom from ocean to ocean and from the Gulf to the great lakes. Only during the last few years, says that admirably illustrated weekly, the Chicago Graphic, speaking of the scenic attractions of the trans-Missouri country, have they begun to be appreciated and even now they are only faintly realized by the people of the United States. In 1844 Illinois was really the frontier of our civilization. Then came the discovery of gold in California, the rush to the Pike's Peak country, the projection and completion of the Union Pacific Railroad and the building of other iron highways in every State and Territory, and naturally the attractions of different localities became better known.

Colorado, Idaho, Utah, the Yellowstone region, abound in beauties of mountains, canyons, waterfalls and springs unequalled in the world. Idaho has 600,000 acres of lakes and there are the Shoshone and Bridal Veil Falls, whose charms have not been marred by the artificiality of civilization. The height of the Shoshone Falls is 82 feet the first descent and 210 feet the second, with a fall of 950 feet. The chasm above and below the falls varies in height



PILLARS OF HERCULES, COLUMBIA RIVER.

for a length of 18 miles from 1,050 to 1,200 feet. Bridal Veil Falls has a width of 135 feet.

The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone Park is the most magnificent in the world. It is only one of the many beauties comprised in the national park, which abounds in attractions that are endless in variety.

The Pillars of Hercules on the famed Columbia River and on the line of the Union Pacific Road are as picturesque formations of nature as exist. A large pine tree grows in a crevice on top of one of the pillars.

Patience Walters.

The Italian singers, Sofia and Giulia Ravogli, who became quite suddenly the delight of London musical circles are very modest and patient women. They can bear to defer enjoyment even of the praise which is theirs by right. Mademoiselle Giulia was one day talking with a friend, who happened to make some remark about the enthusiastic notices the two singers had received from all the London papers.

"Yes, everyone tells me so," replied she in her pretty, broken English, "and we get such a lot of funny little rolls of de brown paper sent to us many time in de day, and we puts dem all in dis big drawer, to save up when we go home. Here she pulled out the drawer, and displayed a quantity of newspapers, not one of which had been opened.

Cod Are Getting Scarce.

Codfish are getting scarcer and scarcer every year. They used to be as thick as berries on the Newfoundland shrubs, but now they are very seldom found in that part of the world. They may be plentiful enough in the deep ocean now, but are not easily caught by bait, and therefore are seldom caught by deep-sea fishermen. Cod are found on European and African coasts, but as far as this part of the world is concerned, in fifty years time they will be practically extinct.

NEWS OF OUR OWN STATE.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MICHIGANERS.

Rough on Constable Dupree—Kalamazoo's Budget School—The Eggs Who Saved Life at Mackinac Island—No State Fair Next Year.

From Far and Near.

CHRISTOPHER H. HILL, of Saginaw, sues the Erie Railroad for \$10,000 damages for injuries received in the tunnel collision at Toile.

PASSENGER traffic on the C. & W. M. road was three times as heavy during November as during the same month of last year.

GEORGE F. McMEILL, of Kalamazoo, by falling under a heavily loaded wagon, had his arm broken and was otherwise badly hurt.

GEORGE LARK, of Saginaw, got a fine of \$5 and eighteen months in the Detroit House of Correction for passing counterfeit money.

It is reported that J. Vansickles, formerly a resident of Galesburg, shot and killed his wife, another person and himself in Dakota.

The Michigan Salt Co. has advanced the price of salt for \$10,000 damages for 300,000 barrels less on hand than at the same time last year.

AFTER cutting 37,000,000 feet of lumber and 40,000,000 shingles, Hebar & Son's mill, at Pequaming, has closed down for the winter.

The Supreme Court has held the local option election in Gratiot County illegal. The law itself is all right, but the proceedings irregular.

A HOUSE stepped on A. Perry, of Bridgeport, and then crushed him against the wall, breaking his shoulder and otherwise injuring him.

Ducks are becoming a scarce article at the falls, large numbers of them having left. Those remaining have become so wary of approach as to be easily bagged.

The recent fall of snow has set the fox and rabbit hunters of St. Clair County on the qui vive. Three large red foxes were killed in the country back of Algonac.

REVEREND J. C. BROWN, of Kalamazoo, is to resign. The improvement company has sold 450 lots, and fifteen firms, employing an aggregate of 600 men, will locate there.

THREE unknown men at Linwood tackled Constable Dupree. After putting his own handcuffs on him, they took his keys, revolver and star, \$25 reward for their capture.

E. H. DOYLE's hoop and stove mills at Wyandotte will run until the river freezes up. They have so far this season cut 14,000,000 patent hoops, 7,000,000 staves, and 25,000,000 head linings.

MUCH trouble is being experienced in establishing a telephone line from Alpena to Middle Island, owing to the rocky surface. It is so far beneath found necessary to blast all holes for poles, in order to plant them at the required depth.

FRANK LASLEY and Nicholas Schönn, two Mackinac Island boys, were presented with gold life-saving medals. A year ago they rescued two soldiers of the fort there, whose boat, capsized in the Straits. There are now four men on the island wearing these medals.

The executive committee of the State Agricultural Society decided, in view of the Columbian Exposition, not to give a State exhibition next fall. Thus far but 30 per cent of the year's premiums have been paid, but provision for paying the balance will be made at the annual meeting in January.

THE homesteaders on the lands in Berang County, where the Nestor estate is having considerable trouble, have decided to no longer oppose the estate in cutting timber off those lands, bonds having been given that in case the estate loses the suits over the lands, it will pay the estimate value of the timber cut.

JAMES CLEARY, of Bay City, was shot and killed at St. Louis, Mo.

It is claimed at Ontonagon that a cat caused the spread of diphtheria in that city.

MR. and MRS. W. NEWTON, of St. Louis, several days ago celebrated their golden wedding.

It is claimed that in the interior sections of Midland County saloonkeepers pay no license whatever.

ANDREW SKIRMYN, of Carrollton, was drowned at Saginaw. He was 35 years of age, and leaves a widow.

BURGERS got \$800 in cash and a large quantity of stock at W. K. Hotatz's shoe store at Menominee.

A YOUNG child of George Michael, of Oronoko, was dangerously sealed by upsetting a pot of boiling coffee.

WILL and ELDER METTS, of Weldon, are the champions of the State family gun. They have 30 to their record.

It is rumored that a wealthy syndicate has purchased a number of idle mines in Keweenaw County and will soon operate them.

J. HANSELL, of Ontonagon, by mistake took a big dose of carbolic acid. He burned his tongue and throat badly, but will pull through.

G. C. STEVEN, of Clarkson, poured cold water into boiling soap. An explosion followed and the man was badly burned about the face.

COL. A. T. BLISS, of Saginaw, has sold 13,000 acres of Midland County hardwood land to Holcomb & Co., of Ohio. They will operate a mill at Coleman and cut the timber.

CHEBOYGAN laboring men possess dignity by the bushel. The Superintendent of the street railway company had a man willing to shovel snow off the track, so he had to do it himself.

AN Austrian named Mesleque was clubbed severely and robbed of \$42 by two unknown men at Pembine. When found he was almost frozen to death, and it was necessary to amputate both of his legs.

The old Fort Brady near the Sault is now practically deserted, the troops having been transferred to the new fort.

The syndicate owning Isle Royale will keep fifty men at work there all winter exploring for ore and cutting drills. The concern has up to date sunk \$50,000 in explorations without results.

CHARLES MILLS, of Hope, aged 5, and Frankie Howe, aged 18, a girl from the State School at Coldwater, who has made her home with a Hope family, are reported to have eloped at least, both are missing. Mills has a wife, but no children.

EDMUNDSON, the school director who for some time has caused considerable trouble in a district near the Sault, was ousted by the School Board. William McGinnis, the teacher, still holds the fort.

CARL KIRSTEN, the 7-year-old son of Albert Kirsten, of Osceola, injured his right eye while at play at Van Etten Lake, a pleasure resort, near Osceola, last August. The eye gradually grew worse till he lost the use of it entirely. He was sent to Detroit, and surgeons took the bad eye out. The little fellow struggled hard before the chloroform could be administered, but when he had inhaled the first breath he exclaimed, "My eye is cured," and went to sleep.

The Avalanche.

O. PALMER, EDITOR & PROPRIETOR.
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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The Democrats will restore the duty on sugar if they sink their political craft in so doing.

The Democratic party is going to split into "incidental protectionists" and free traders. Mark the prediction.

If Oliver P. Morton were alive, the copperhead degenerators of soldiers' graves in Indiana would be speedily hunted down and punished.

The Manchester, N. H., Mirror suggests that when the Clevelandites get ready to "purge the pension list" they begin with the Democratic soldiers who voted for that sort of thing.

The French ministry has resigned. There is nothing of the Democrat about the French ministry. Democrats never resign. A new ministry has been chosen.

Quite naturally the Canadian and English Tories are displeased with the President's message. However, it is well to remember that the message was made for domestic use and not for export. —N. Y. Press.

A lot of northern democratic papers are crying to heaven for justice because the republican state central committee spent \$40,000 during the campaign. They forget D. J. Campan's little bill for \$46,000. —Ros. News.

Postmaster-General Wainmaker has issued an order to go into effect Jan. 1st, 1893, reducing the fee for each piece of registered mail matter from 10 cents to 8 cents.

At Louisville last week 60,000 barrels of whisky were sold, 42,000 barrels of which will go to New York. The Democrats are redeeming their promise to make business lively in the police courts. —Detroit Journal.

Residents of Elm Grove, W. Va., had a census taken last year, and gave out as the actual results these figures: Males over two years of age, 148; males under twenty-one years, 148; females over sixteen years, 148; females under sixteen years, 148.

The general feeling toward President Harrison, in these last months of his term of office, is one of hearty respect and good will. There is nothing in his message which will diminish that sentiment, so far as Democrats are concerned. —N. Y. Sun, (dem.)

The comments of the democratic papers on the President's message, and those of Great Britain are nearly alike in their expressions that it would take an expert in the English language to perceive any differences. The animus of their articles is the author and not the production, as it is unassailable.

J. Maurice Finn, who is contesting Sam Stephenson's seat in congress, will start a morning paper known as the Lake Superior Herald on the ruins of the Press and Democrat. It will be mildly Democratic. Cincinnati capital will back the new paper. —Detroit Journal.

The vote of Montana on presidential electors was: Harrison, 18,833; Cleveland, 17,534; Weaver, 7,259; Bidwell, 517; Dixon, Dem., was defeated for congress by Hartman, Rep., by 220 votes. Miss Knowles, the woman Populist candidate for attorney general, at first supposed to be elected, is defeated by Haskill, Rep., by 5,000 votes.

There are but three democratic members in the Legislature of Kansas, and the democratic papers are howling themselves hoarse, over the election of Senator, when they are not "in it," as far as we can see. Also in Montana and Wyoming. When the democracy cries "stop this!" they have the largest kind of a colored gentleman in the wood pile. See last legislature of New York State.

The London Times of November 17th gives some advice to the Democratic party for which the American workman ought to be duly and humbly thankful. The Times says: "The McKinley tariff entails the support of a powerful body of capitalists and numbers of workmen, and although their forces were vanquished by the overpowering movement of public opinion, it is not desirable to make their defeat too painful and ruinous."

The statement in last week's Democrat that the chairman of the republican county committee together with nearly all the candidates neglect and refuse to file an account of their expenses incurred during the canvass, is an unmitigated perversion of the facts in the case. If the law has been intentionally violated, prosecute the violators, as well as the violators of the liquor law, who are well known to the prosecuting attorney.

WASHINGTON LETTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8, '92.

The more study the democrats give to the President's message the less they like it. It is a hard, matter of fact presentation of figures showing just what the republican party has done for the country, and the democrats already realize that it is going to be constantly referred to by those they have hoodwinked, as it becomes more and more apparent, as it will from the time they take control of Congress and the government, that the campaign promises they made are impossible and impracticable. There is no going behind the increase of 287 per cent in the wealth of the country since it passed under the control of the republican party, an increase unparalleled by the history of any country in the world. But the parts of the message that hurts the democrats the most are those which tell them that in accordance with their promises they are expected to overthrow the protective system and inaugurate a tariff for revenue only, and that retrogression in the prosperity of the country will be a crime; they do not like to be reminded of those things.

The restrictions upon fraudulent voting, in the present federal election laws are few enough and weak enough, but the democrats are in such an all-mighty hurry to remove them that forgetting the present republican majority in the Senate a bill has already been introduced in both House and Senate to repeal them all. Senator Hoar truly says that when these laws are repealed "all that will be necessary in great cities like New York and Chicago, and in many of the States, will be for the democratic managers, before an election, to declare what majority they desire, and such majority will be returned. It would seem, if this policy is to be carried out, to be a pity to put the people to the expense of an election." The democrats are figuring through the repeal of these laws to continue in power indefinitely. They calculate upon a permanent solid south and a large enough manufacturing vote in New York, Chicago and other cities to give them permanent control of a majority of the electoral college. What a beginning for the democratic "era of reform," and how pleasing must be the prospect to those who have allowed themselves to believe that anything good or wholesome could come from a party with such a record as the democratic party has.

"Circumstances alter cases," in politics as in everything else. The very democratic Congressmen who talked wildly about impeaching Secretary Foster when he said that if it became necessary he would not hesitate to use a portion of the \$100,000,000 gold reserve fund in the Treasury to meet the obligations of the government, are now themselves saying that if there is a deficit in the Treasury after it passes under democratic control this reserve fund can be used to make it up.

There appears to be a good many democrats in Congress who have such short memories that they have already forgotten that they declared in their national platform and upon the stump that protection to American industries was unconstitutional. Some of them favor protection secretly, others openly. Among the latter is Representative Boatner of Louisiana, who says of the tariff bill to be prepared by his party: "There should be incidental protection for certain American industries, and I believe that President-elect Cleveland will make known when the proper time comes that he favors this system of tariff."

The republican Senators held a conference this week, not to decide upon anything, but merely for an exchange of views as to what policy they should follow in dealing with the legislation of the session. One of the subjects discussed was whether the House bills for the admission of Arizona and New Mexico, now on the Senate calendar, should be passed. No conclusion was reached, as there were quite a number of Senators who had not made up their minds on the subject. It will not be surprising if a later conference shall decide to take up and pass these bills. It may be set down as certain that there will be no tariff legislation of any kind at this session; there is no disagreement with the President in believing that the proper course is to leave the tariff in its entirety for the democratic Congress to wrestle with.

It is probable that the President's recommendations for additional restrictions on immigration and for the establishment of a national quarantine will be acted upon at this session. Bills looking thereto have been introduced in both House and Senate.

There are indications that Canada may soon wake up to the fact that Uncle Sam is a dangerous individual to monkey with.

Not desiring to complicate matters during the recent campaign more than was absolutely necessary, we have refrained from stirring up our patrons in respect to the condition of their obligations to the Tribune. It is still absolutely impossible to conduct a newspaper on an unpaid subscription list, and we challenge any publisher in this country to meet a subscriber, who calls to "pay up," with more cordiality than we can exhibit on such occasions. —Atlanta Tribune. The above applies to this as well as other newspapers offices.

The Democrat of the 8th Inst. gave quite a number of reasons for the failure of the republicans to elect Harrison, but none for the election of Cleveland. There was no necessity or reason for his election, nor would he have been had not the democratic party cast a dragnet for every disgruntled, unsatisfied man in the country, and whatever he wanted, they promised him. If he wanted free silver, they said he should have his pockets filled; if he said it was the National Banks, they also said it; if he wanted a bank of issue at every cross-roads, they said he should have it; if he wanted the public schools abolished, they said the "little red schoolhouse" should go; if he wanted to import his dinner bucket and tin pans without paying duty, they told him he could do so; and if a laboring man said he was crushed under the heels of the capitalist, they said they would crush the capitalist; if he wanted to engage in the sale of liquor and wished to avoid paying the tax, they said vote for our candidates for prosecuting attorney and they will not prosecute you; and to illegal voters they said register and vote the democratic ticket and thereby elect officers who will not prosecute you for violating the law. In this manner, with the aid of the Prohibition and Third parties, they accomplished a work which was a surprise to themselves. Not a month has passed since the election, and thousands are regretting that they did not vote in favor of protection. They sowed the wind and will reap the whirlwind.

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